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September 23, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to know if you have any information that would justify Governor Faubus of Arkansas, or any other person, in saying that Presbyterian clergymen have been "brain washed by left-wingers and Communists", and that some are in fact "left-wingers and Communists".

Rev. Carl McIntire, pastor of the Collingswood Bible Presbyterian Church, New Jersey, and Circuit Riders, Inc., 18 East 4th Street, Cincinnati, 2, Ohio, have been cited as authorities for the statement. An advertisement in the Arkansas Democrat for Sunday, September 21, asked readers to secure a copy of the book entitled "Compilation of Public Records, Presbyterian Church USA Clergymen", published by Circuit Riders, Inc., 18 East 4th St., Cincinnati, Ohio. For your information I am sending you a copy of the advertisement.

Being a Presbyterian myself, and knowing Presbyterians all over the world, I know the statement made by Governor Faubus is a slander. We here in Arkansas are seeking authoritative information in answer to the slander. If in your official capacity you feel that you can help us in any way, we would greatly appreciate it. 62-77405-100

Before I conclude this letter let me congratulate you upon your recent volume "Masters of Deceit". I have read this volume with great profit and enthusiasm. You have done a magnificent job and rendered a significant public service in the publication of this book.

With very kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours cordially and sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 23, 1958, with enclosure, has been received, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

While I can understand your concern relative to the charges made against Presbyterian clergymen, I regret that as a matter of policy it is not possible for me to offer the assistance you suggested. Over the years, I have refrained from injecting my name or the FBI into issues of that nature, and I feel certain you can understand my position in this regard.

Thank you for your very favorable comments on "Masters of Deceit" and for your kind sentiments regarding my administration of the activities of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect no derogatory information concerning [REDACTED] There has been some limited correspondence with him. His reference to Reverend Carl McIntire is purposely ignored inasmuch as McIntire is associated with a radical element of the Presbyterian Church, and, while we have had some correspondence with McIntire, our relations have been circumspect.

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SHOULD GOV. FAUBUS Apologize To The Presbyterians?

Governor Faubus has said the Communists and Left Wingers have done a good job of brainwashing among the Presbyterians. Presbyterian leaders here have vigorously denied Communist infiltration of their denomination.

WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

Circuit Riders, Inc., is one of America's most reputable statistical organizations. Based upon thorough research it furnishes background information on persons having Communist or Subversive affiliations.

This research organization has published a brochure under date of March, 1958, entitled, "A Compilation of Public Records." This brochure gives documented information concerning a LARGE NUMBER of Presbyterian Ministers in the United States who have two or more affiliations with pro-Communist Organizations.

It also gives the name of a well known Presbyterian Theological Seminary whose former president is numbered among those Presbyterian Clergymen having Communist affiliations. Complete information concerning these Presbyterian Ministers, as to the number of them in the United States, the number and name of the Communist organizations each one has been affiliated with and the date and source of the information is available and can be furnished to anyone desiring it.

Also the name of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the name of its former president and the number of Communist or Subversive organizations he has been affiliated with can be furnished.

Those desiring this information may write Circuit Riders, Inc., 18 East 4th St., Cincinnati, Ohio, and ask for a copy of "Compilation of Public Records, Presbyterian Church U. S. A. Clergymen." Price per copy \$2.00.

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For years the Communists have been quietly working in our colleges and universities. Through professors and Ivy Tower educators, they have, in a subtle way, conditioned the minds of ministerial students that ONE WORLD-ISM, ONE RACE-ISM (or mixing of the races) and government control of the personal lives of the individual holds the solution to the World's miseries. Anyone speaking out against this condition of things has been a voice crying in the wilderness. Now the awful harvest is upon us.

We should pray that our beloved Presbyterian denomination will be saved by a purge of its Communist leadership.

Mrs. H. G. Anderson

Life Long Presbyterian

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